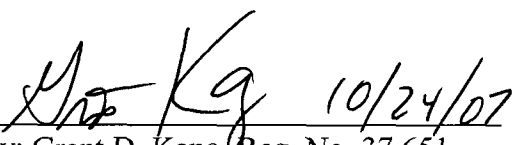


REMARKS

The claims have been amended to better conform to the regulations of the United States Patent & Trademark Office and the patent laws of the United States. In particular, multiple dependent claims have been eliminated in favor of claims that depend directly from an independent claim or another dependent claim. .

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

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